

HOT TIME IN A MISSOURI TOWN.

MR. MORRISON-FULLER SEEKS NOVEL SATISFACTION.

Use a Newspaper, a Phonograph and a Band of Caricaturists to Impress His Views on Glasgow—Has Also Married a Bank to Stand By a Friend There.

MACON, Mo., May 3.—"I never lay awake at nights thinking what I'd do with a few million dollars if I had them to spend just as I liked," remarked Dr. W. Frost Bishop of Glasgow, Mo., who occupied the Cumberland Presbyterian pulpit here last Sunday, "but I can tell how a fellow citizen of mine is enjoying the solution of that happy problem."

When I went to Glasgow last October to take the pastorate of the Presbyterian church there I found a most peculiar situation. Mr. Morrison-Fuller, a gentleman who had come into the possession of princely means through a happy marriage, had arrayed himself against certain interests of the town, and was expressing his vigorous opinions through a newspaper purchased for that purpose, a phonograph operated at nearly all hours of the day, and by cartoons drawn by artists imported from St. Louis and other large cities.

"In the quaint but eminently aristocratic and cultured town of Glasgow is the once famous Pritchett Institute, founded by an educator of that name. Mrs. Bernice Morrison-Fuller was one of the trustees and a most ardent friend of old Dr. Pritchett, who is yet living at Glasgow, but by reason of his age is not the active head of the institution he founded.

"She donated \$30,000 for two chairs, specifically naming them. The president, it is alleged, used the money otherwise, thinking the institution could be strengthened by a more general distribution of the gift.

"Many thought the president took the more businesslike course, and approved it. Mrs. Morrison-Fuller did not. Neither did her husband, because her wishes were his law.

"There are three weekly papers in Glasgow—the *Missourian*, the *Echo* and the *Globe*. Mr. Fuller wrote an article concerning the controversy about his wife's gift. It was said to be of an unusually animated character.

"All the papers declined to print it, even as an advertisement. The last office Mr. Fuller visited with his literary offering was the *Globe*. The editor sadly shook his head.

"It won't do, Mr. Fuller," he said, "my patrons would not stand for it."

"Well," replied the writer of the unavailable manuscript, "what'll you take for your shop?"

"You're joking."

"Mr. Fuller pulled out his check book and fountain pen. He dated the check and wrote in the owner's name.

"What figure shall I write in?" he asked.

"The publisher of the *Globe* offered to publish it for a few minutes, and then named a sum to cover everything."

"As soon as Editor Fuller took charge there were doings in the *Globe* office. Every advertisement was taken out of the forms and the type returned to the cases.

"In his salutatory Mr. Fuller announced that everybody who owed the *Globe* anything could consider the debt discharged. He didn't want any man's money, and he would not take advertisements because he had other use for the space.

"He sent for good artists, and told them to observe carefully the features of certain prominent citizens, for the purpose of reproducing them for the benefit of the present and oncoming generations. Then he suggested situations that struck him as effective in attracting attention. And they proved so decidedly.

"The vitriol-charged columns backed up the pictures. The aristocracy of Glasgow began reaching for its *Globe* with tongues, while those who escaped its darts congregated on the street corners and read it with much merriment.

"The artists earned their salaries. In addition to their work for the paper, they were constantly depicting the city officials, bankers and those of high rank in humorous situations for the edification of pedestrians.

"A large and loud phonograph was added to Mr. Fuller's battery, and from its depths were talked or sung his views on the city administration and its friends. Then it was turned loose at certain hours daily to a laughing crowd.

"There was an unfailing market in Mr. Fuller's print mill for good, strong verse that was wrapped around the subject. And the subject was those who were not to the editor's friends.

"That was the situation when I arrived there. Of course, Mr. Fuller had friends who stood by him, and two distinct factions existed. I made up my mind to try to smooth the thing over, and decided to call on Mr. Fuller at his residence.

"He lived in a homelike magnificence about four miles out in the country. I was told I could not secure an audience with him, or if I did that I would be insulted. I took the chance.

"The footman told me Mr. Fuller did not receive visitors. I persisted, and Mr. Fuller, hearing me, came to the door and invited me in. I was pleasantly surprised at his gracious greeting.

"He looked a great deal like William J. Bryan in face and build, but some seven or eight years younger. His eyes were clear and sparkling and he had a most engaging personality.

"I was informed that he was a grandson of Dr. William A. Smith, the founder of the Randolph-Macon College of Virginia. As I am from Virginia, we had a subject we could both discuss with freedom and enthusiasm. I found him to be a highly educated gentleman and apparently devoid of eccentricity.

"There was a touch of romance in his marriage. His mother was a widow and he lived with her. When Miss Bernice Morrison wrote one morning and discovered she had inherited \$1,000,000 from a wealthy relative, she requested the lawyer to act as her chaperon while touring Europe and completing her education. Mrs. Fuller stipulated that her son should be a member of the party.

"The heiress promptly agreed to the condition, and while the young folks were acquiring a knowledge of the Old World mysteries, that of another sort, equally pleasant and mysterious, came to them. When they decided to get married she wanted him to take her name, Morrison, but he thought it best for her to take his name. They compromised by using both names, with a hyphen between, and got an order of the court to that effect.

"My interview with Mr. Fuller was a very pleasant one. He explained that he had been denied the privilege of presenting his views about the use made of the endowment fund of his wife and that he resolved to get a hearing.

"One of Mr. Fuller's friends was a Mr. Burch, cashier of the Harrison Bank. For some cause Mr. Burch lost his position. He sued the bank, and at the trial it developed that Burch's too friendly relations

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with Mr. Fuller had something to do with his removal. The jury disagreed.

"At that time Mr. and Mrs. Fuller were on their way to Europe. A copy of the paper containing a report of the trial reached Mr. Fuller while he was in Boston. He immediately returned to Glasgow.

"Previous to this the bank had refused to loan Mr. Fuller \$4,000 on his individual note. This made him all the more earnest in championing Burch's cause. He rolled up his sleeves and went to work for his friend, and the result was that in a short trial he obtained a verdict against the bank that had retired him.

"Then Mr. Fuller told his friend to pick out a lot of rent or buy the best building in town he could get for a bank and that he would start one with unlimited capital. I understand that this has been done and that the furniture for the bank is now on its way to Glasgow. It will probably be one of the most gorgeously equipped country banks in Missouri. Mr. Burch will be the manager.

"It is a characteristic of Mr. Fuller's to stand loyally by his friends. He is neither a crank nor a freak, but is thoroughly determined to follow to the end any course he adopts.

"What he does has the warm approval of Mrs. Fuller. Theirs is a happy home. He brings to her a most distinguished line of ancestors, and she lays at his feet a wealth worthy of that ancestry.

"When he first came to town the people were delighted to have a citizen among them, and had it not been for the unfortunate disagreement over Mrs. Fuller's gift to the institute it is probable there never would have been any rupture between Fuller and his fellow citizens.

"Mr. Fuller's wife is now in the East, but he is on the sea of action watching every turn of his rivals, and with the large means at his disposal there is no telling when or how the battle will end."

WASHINGTON'S GRANDPHEW.

A Facsimile of the Father of His Country in the Library of Congress.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Lawrence Washington, grandnephew of George Washington, has just been assigned by the Library of Congress to take charge of the special exhibit made by the institution at St. Louis. Announcement of the assignment and of the fact that Mr. Washington is the closest male relative now surviving of the first President has brought upon him conspicuousness which he does not altogether like.

"I thought I had gotten rid of that long ago," he said to the other day. "They used to hunt me down in my home, in my office and even on the street. Now where was I safe from the historical story fends."

"It was a form of persecution most disagreeable to me, however, but I must appreciate the public's tributes to my ancestors, that is no reason why I should be robbed of all privacy.

"When the library policy not to grant a single one of the requests for photographs. The fact is, I have refrained from having any taken for the past thirty years, and one of my existents now except those taken by friends at my home who were amateurs."

"Mr. Washington is considered to bear a wonderful likeness to his grandfather. The sharp glance of his eye and his broad, high forehead with the dignity that expresses itself in his aquiline features are generally recognized as Washington characteristics."

"The story is told of a certain novelist who used to go to the library regularly and sit quietly in a corner studying Mr. Washington's features."

"It was an inspiration to me," he said, "to watch the face of one who showed such evident traces of the mental and physical greatness of the Republic and of the man whom I wanted to incorporate in my book with all the lifelike tints possible."

"The romance afterward published is really one of the most popular of those in which the Father of his Country plays a leading part."

"Mr. Washington is almost of the identical build of his granduncle. His cheekbones are high and the arch of his brow gives him a keen, piercing look."

"He is a man of a special department in which collections of Washington books and autographs are made. Mr. Washington will remain in St. Louis during the greater part of the fair."

PROFITABLE LOAN TO THE STATE.

Connecticut Has Received \$6,401 Interest on a Borrowed \$1,153.

WILLIAMSTOWN, Conn., May 7.—In settling the estate of Samuel C. Perkins, the Philadelphia lawyer who spent his summers in Windham Centre, Conn., a most profitable mortgage for the State has come to light.

Cashier H. C. Lathrop of the Windham National Bank, who is the administrator of the estate, after making arrangements to sell the old Perkins home in Windham, ordered the administrator to give a clear title to the mortgage on the capital he has been paid every year. The total interest paid to the State amounts to \$6,401.11. It has been accumulating for ninety-two years. The interest paid on the capital is three times the value of the property. Mr. Perkins left several thousand dollars and it is a mystery why the loan was not paid up and the matter adjusted. Further than this it was found that the property was still in the grandfather's name. In order for the administrator to give a clear title, foreclosure proceedings have been begun in the Superior Court.

This loan is the second oldest held by the State and has proved a very profitable investment for the State. The oldest bond was to one Robertson of Wethersfield. It was issued Nov. 27, 1810.

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This expedition marks the beginning of Canada's practical claim to sovereignty in the northern seas. The weak point in that claim is the lateness of the date at which it is made and the fact that for many years American whaling ships have had undisputed possession both of the northern fishing grounds and of the adjoining territory.

The claim is set up by the fact that Hudson Bay is a closed sea surrounded by British territory, and there is actually pending a proposition to change its name by act of Parliament to the Canadian Sea.

Many intelligent Canadians are opposed to such a change of name, knowing very well that all the map makers and geographers outside of the Dominion are sure to continue using the name of the unfortunate discoverer of the Bay, whose life there in 1611, with his son and seven other men after having been left to the mercy of the waves and savages in an open boat by his mutinous crew.

The Neptune is soon to be joined by the Arctic steamer Gauss, recently purchased from Germany by the Canadian Government. The Gauss sailed for Halifax last Wednesday, under Capt. Bernier, who is later to be in the interest of the discovery of the North Pole in the interest of Canada.

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